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Title of Invention: Transportation-Vehicle "Babyminder"

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Background of the Invention: In the summer of 2002 (although we are sure this problem occurred earlier and in the winter season) babies and small children died needlessly (and horrifically) in transportation vehicles simply because the adult driver forgot they were in the back seat/s. It is very easy to do. The motion of the vehicle lulls babies and small children to sleep and there is no reminder that they are there.

Brief Summary of the Invention: This invention will remind drivers that babies and small children are still in the back seat/s of the vehicle and, through a warning device, prevent such life-threatening events from occurring.

Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawing: None

Detailed Description of the Invention:

This device is similar to current front-seat seatbelt alarms in design except that instead of a dash warning light and sound when you **don't** fasten your belt, a warning sound **will occur** when the backseat/s belts are locked and the driver's door is opened for exit (once the ignition key is turned off). This sound reminds the driver that there are occupants in the backseat/s of the transportation vehicle. If the driver does not need this alarm, there is no problem since the seatbelts remain unfastened.

There is more than one way to devise this "Babyminder" alarm/warning system.

This device could use the same warning circuitry as the headlights that are left on after the vehicle is turned off. This circuitry includes a buzzer and lines for power. The "Baby-Minder's" buzzer will alert the driver when the ignition is turned off and the backseat belts remain fastened.

The "Baby-Minder" device could also be connected to the vehicle alarm system. The alarm will sound if the backseat seatbelts are connected and the vehicle has been turned off. With a timer device, the sound could be programmed go off after a few seconds.

Note: The vehicle manufacturer can add a dashboard warning light as well to alert the driver.